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SUBJECT: CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT VISIT

: A. USBERLIN 628 (NOTAL)

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1. CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT VISIT MARCH 30-APRIL 2 COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE TIMELY IN RE-EMPHASIZING TRADITIONAL AMERICAN TIES AND COMMITMENTS

TO WEST BERLIN AND TO ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN GENERAL, AND IN DISPELLING FREQUENTLY HEARD FEARS OF BERLINERS THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD ESPECIALLY SOUTHEAST ASIA MAY PORTEND A LESSENING OF US RESOLVE TO PRESERVE THE VIABILITY AND FREEDOM OF THIS CITY. BOTH AT WIDELY ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 31 AND AGAIN IN MEETING APRIL 1 WITH GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENATORS HUMPHREY AND SCOTT SPEAKING FOR THEIR COLLEAGUES UNDERSCORED

THE DETERMINATION OF THE US TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD BERLIN, WHICH THEY STRESSED REMAINS "THE LINCHPIN" OF NATO AND A DIRECT AMERICAN SECURITY INTEREST.

2. A. HIGHLIGHT OF WEST BERLIN PROGRAM WAS ONE HOUR MEETING OF CODEL APRIL 1 WITH GOVERNING MAYOR KLAUS SCHUETZ AT CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE, FOLLOWING WHICH SCHUETZ HOSTED GALA LUNCHEON IN DELEGATION'S HONOR. MAYOR SCHUETZ, CDU LEADER PETER LORENZ AND FDP CHAIRMAN HERMANN OXFORT WERE AMONG LARGE NUMBER OF GERMAN AND ALLIED GUESTS WHO ATTENDED RECEPTION APRIL 1 FOR CODEL CO-HOSTED BY USCOB GENERAL WALKER AND MINISTER GEORGE. SCHUETZ AND LORENZ HAD CURTAILED THEIR EASTER VACATIONS TO RETURN TO BERLIN FOR THE CODEL VISIT.

B. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE RECEPTION CODEL MET AT HARNACK HOUSE OFFICERS' CLUB WITH TEN PROMINENT BERLINERS IN FIELDS OF BUSINESS, BANKING, LABOR AND THE PRESS FOR 90 MINUTE INFORMAL, FRANK DISCUSSION OF CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ALL ASPECTS OF VISIT RECEIVED EXTREEMELY FULL AND FAVORABLE TREATMENT FROM THE LOCAL MEDIA, INCLUDING HEADLINE COVERAGE WITH PHOTOS IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS, AN PARTICULARLY EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OVER RIAS.

- 3. MORNING OF APRIL 1 GENERAL WALKER, MINISTER GEORGE AND THEIR KEY STAFF BRIEFED CODEL ON BERLIN AND QA MATTERS. CODEL WAS INTERESTED IN TROOP STRENGTHS, TRADE, EFFECTS OF GDR RECOGNITION OF WEST BERLIN, AND WORKING OF OCCUPATION COSTS BUDGET AMONG OTHER MATTERS. SEN. SCOTT, DURING BRIEFING AND AT PUBLIC APPEARANCES REPEATEDLY STATED HIS BELIEF THAT U.S. FORCES IN BERLIN REPRESENTED EXCELLENT BARGAIN FOR US.
- 4. FULL SUMMARY OF HUMPHREY/SCOTT PRESS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN REPORTED BY USIS BERLIN. (REFTELA) FOLLOWING GENERAL PRESS CONFERENCE SENATORS HUMPHREY AND SCOTT WERE INTERVIEWED BY RIAS AND HUMPHREY WAS INTERVIEWED FOR EUROPEAN-WIDE ARMED FORCES TV NETWORK.
- 5. EMBASSY BERLIN PORTION OF COORDINATED PROGRAM FOR CODEL BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY. SUMMARY OF KEY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND COMMENTS THAT EMERGED DURING CODEL'S DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICERS, MAYOR SCHUETZ AND PROMINENT BUSINESS LEADERS WILL BE REPORTED BY AIRGRAM.

6. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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